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Re: Application of Norihito NISHIMURA, Hiroshi ISHII and Makoto SAITO
STABILIZED ASCORBIC ACID DERIVATIVES
 Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
 Our Ref: **Q69644**

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ a verified English Language Translation of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/373,609 with thirty-seven (37) pages of specification and a Translator's Declaration
- ☒ International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	25	-	20	=	<u>5</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$90.00</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$950.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>

TOTAL FEE	\$1340.00
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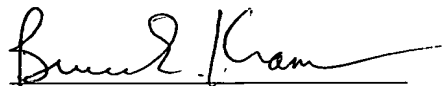
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1340.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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